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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's after-final amendment filed May 12, 2006 is acknowledged and entered. Claims 31-36, 38-43 and 50-63 remain pending and under examination. In the final Office action of March 22, 2006, claims 31-36, 38-43 and 50-63 were indicated as allowable. Upon further consideration of the claimed invention, prosecution in this application is reopened in order that the following new rejection may be made.

2. The following rejections are either moot or withdrawn:

- The rejection of claims 37, 42 and 43 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2 and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 5,846,825, is moot with respect to cancelled claim 37, and withdrawn with respect to claims 42 and 43 in view of Applicant's filing of a terminal disclaimer, which has been accepted.
- The rejection of claim 37 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for failing to meet the enablement requirement (with respect to the deposit of certain FIV strains) is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 37.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. (*New Rejection*) Claims 31-36, 38-43 and 50-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a vaccine composition that induces a protective immune response against two or more subtypes of FIV, comprising an effective amount of an FIV immunogen that minimally includes the FIV envelope glycoprotein,

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does not reasonably provide enablement for a vaccine comprising FIV peptides, proteins, and partial viruses that do not include the FIV envelope glycoprotein. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

The claims broadly encompass a vaccine composition that induces protection against FIV infection (of multiple subtypes), comprising an amount of any FIV immunogen. The immunogens include synthetic FIV peptides, natural or recombinant FIV proteins, fragments of said proteins, cell-free whole or partial FIV virus, and cells infected with FIV virus. Applicant's specification is enabling for embodiments that encompass the FIV envelope glycoprotein from each of the at least two different FIV subtypes. Embodiments that do not encompass the envelope glycoprotein from each of the at least two difference subtypes, are not enabled by the specification.

The nature of the invention is the protection of felines against FIV infection by administering a composition that comprises at least two immunogens from at least two FIV subtypes. The state of the art is that dual subtype vaccines against FIV are effective when using embodiments that include the envelope proteins of both subtypes (*AIDScience*, 2002, Vol. 2, No. 8, pages 1-8, of record). The level of one of skill in the art is high, evidenced by the present inventors and those of the cited literature. The level of predictability in the art is limited when considering the administration of any FIV immunogen to protect against FIV. The level of predictability in the art with regard to embodiments that include envelope protein (such as whole virus, partial virus with envelope, and infected cell lines) increases. The amount of direction provided by the specification is limited to vaccines that include the envelope proteins of two

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subtypes. The working examples are drawn to infected cell lines that protect felines against FIV infection.

Given the breadth of the claims, the state of the art, the level of skill in the art, the level of predictability, the working examples, the direction provided by Applicant, and the nature of the invention, one of skill in the art would not be able to practice the full scope of the invention without undue experimentation. Since the only embodiments that have shown protective capabilities are those that include the envelope protein of two subtypes, one of skill in the art would now know how to vaccinate with embodiments that do not include the envelope protein of two subtypes.

Note that this rejection is over embodiments of the claims that were not previously patented in Applicant's other applications.

Conclusion

4. No claim is allowed.

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